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### THE OTTAWA CONFERENCE

Ottawa, Canada, will in all probability be the meeting place for the 1912 conference of the A. L. A., and the date will probably be the last week in June. The Chateau Laurier, the new hotel, on the completion of which depends our meeting in Ottawa, is making satisfactory progress and the authorities have given the officers of the Association every possible assurance that it will be ready in time. The Saguenay River seems to be the unanimous choice for a post-conference trip, and a three or four days journey by special chartered steamer to the head of navigation, with a day at Montreal and another at Quebec, with shorter stops at other points of interest, will undoubtedly be arranged. The secre-

tary and the travel committee are fortunate to have the co-operation of Mr. C. H. Gould, who, by virtue of his location at Montreal and his successful conduct of a similar outing following the Montreal conference of 1900, is in a peculiarly fortunate position to render exceedingly valuable service. More extended plans and detailed information may be looked for in the March Bulletin.

### COLLEGE LIBRARIANS AT A. L. A. CONFERENCE OF 1912

The secretary of the A. L. A. recently sent a circular letter to the librarians of 135 of the leading college and university libraries in the United States and Canada respecting the A. L. A. conference of 1912. The letter stated that this conference would probably be held at Ottawa, Canada, and that the Executive Board desired to arrange a date that would be convenient for the librarians and assistants of the college and university libraries. Information was requested on the following points:

1. Date college closes for summer of 1912.
2. State your preference for date of conference (6 days).
3. Will librarian probably attend if date is convenient?
4. How many other members of staff will probably attend if date is convenient?

Librarians may be interested to see the result of this questionnaire.

Replies received .....	83
Colleges closing not later than June 21..	73
Prefer conference between June 21 and July 5.....	41
Prefer conference before June 20.....	9
Prefer conference later in July .....	6
Prefer conference in August.....	5
No preference for date of conference....	22
Librarians who state intention to be present .....	52
Other members of staff probably present .....	71 to 89

We regret that of the 135 librarians addressed only 62 per cent have found it convenient to reply, but from the returns received it is clear that the last of June or first of July are the most popular dates for

the conference from the college librarian's point of view. Most of those who express no preference are those who do not expect to attend. From these returns it appears that the college libraries are going to be well represented at the next conference.

#### A. L. A. COUNCIL

Two sessions of the Council were held during the recent mid-winter library meetings in Chicago, the first on Thursday afternoon, January 4th, and the second on Friday morning, the 5th. The president, Mrs. H. L. Elmendorf, was in the chair. The following 30 members were present: Mrs. H. L. Elmendorf, Henry E. Legler, Mary W. Plummer, W. C. Lane, Alice S. Tyler, Herbert Putnam, P. B. Wright, C. W. Andrews, Linda A. Eastman, H. M. Utley, W. H. Brett, F. P. Hill, C. H. Gould, Cornelia Marvin, Mary Eileen Ahern, W. F. Yust, S. H. Ranck, Edith Tobitt, H. W. Craver, C. B. Roden, L. J. Burpee, A. S. Root, Mary E. Hazeltine, Mary E. Robbins, P. L. Windsor, G. F. Bowerman, W. N. C. Carlton, G. H. Locke, Grace D. Rose, Clara F. Baldwin.

#### January 4th

The first subject considered was the advisability for the A. L. A. to open negotiations with certain national organizations with a view to greater mutual service through membership or otherwise. It was felt that the officers and members in these various societies are not sufficiently informed of the nature and extent of the work of the public and institutional libraries in this country and Canada, and that they do not properly realize what far-reaching and efficient agencies libraries are for public education along their lines of special interest. The following is a suggested list of organizations to which it might be advantageous for the A. L. A. to belong:

American association for the advancement of science.  
American civic association.  
American economic association.  
American historical association.  
American philological association.  
American political science association.

American society for the extension of university teaching.

American sociological society.

Bibliographical society of America.

Child conference for research and welfare.

International kindergarten union.

Modern language association of America.

National conference of charities and correction.

National education association.

National geographic society.

National municipal league.

National prison association.

National society for the scientific study of education.

North American civic league for immigrants.

Playground association of America.

It was believed that it might be advantageous both to the A. L. A. and to certain of the proposed organizations for specially appointed delegates from the A. L. A. to attend the conferences of these organizations; take such part in the discussion as might be possible; and report to the A. L. A. on the scope and importance of the meetings from the library point of view. Dr. Putnam pointed out that the nature of the society would largely influence the value that such a delegate could give or receive; that a delegate to some of the organizations suggested would probably serve a good purpose, but that in certain other conferences there would be little opportunity for a delegate to secure or impart much of service to others. Mr. Ranck thought that such a delegate should be either an officer or member of the Executive board. Miss Ahern believed that this was not necessary, and that a suitable delegate could always be found in some librarian geographically near to the place of conference. Dr. Putnam raised the question whether a national association should be entitled to any greater consideration or dignity than a library which should become an institutional member, the general opinion being that all institutional members would be much on the same footing. It was

Voted, that the president be authorized